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C O N F I D E N T I A L HELSINKI 1240

POLICY

SUBJ: SALT: APPROACH TO FINNS (AND AUSTRIANS) ON GENEVA SITE  
FOR PHASE II OF SALT

REF: STATE 145580

EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IT BE VERY CLEAR  
TO FINNS THAT DECISION TO MOVE SALT TO GENEVA IS A JOINT  
US-SOVIET ONE. PRESENT PLAN TO INFORM FINNS IN WASHINGTON,  
AND TO ISSUE SEPARATE U.S. AND SOVIET STATEMENTS, SEEMS  
TO IMPLY U.S. HAD PRIMARY ROLE IN DECISION. WE URGE DEPT  
TO RECONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF JOINT STATEMENT AND PERHAPS  
SIMULTANEOUS APPROACH TO FINNISH (AND AUSTRIAN) EMBASSIES  
IN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON, OR BETTER STILL BY SOVIET AND  
U.S. EMBASSIES IN HELSINKI TO FINNISH GOVERNMENT (AND  
SIMILARLY IN VIENNA). GDS PETERSON

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